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Legation has asked Libya make formal application 2200 tons wheat for famine relief. Legation believes relief wheat should be handled separately from grain used to raise counterpart funds since it is confident Libyans unwilling spend scarce relief funds on wheat when barley can be purchased at much lower figure even though payment reserved for use in Libya. Beneficial political effect wheat donation likely destroyed if payment suggested. Counterpart fund could be raised on commercial sale barley obtained from United States surplus to meet over-all Libyan deficit now believed not (repeat not) to exceed 5,000 tons. Does United States pay freight relief wheat?

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